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IL CORRIERE

ITALIAN ROOTS - AMERICAN BRANCHES

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Buon Natale Brothers & Sisters

I hope everyone had a Beautiful Thanksgiving with family and friends. This is such a wonderful time of the year with a little taste of cool weather and everyone decorating for the beautiful Christmas season. I for one wish it could last all year.

We are looking forward to an amazing Christmas dinner party for our members this year. We will be doing an initiation for our new members who couldn't make our last General Membership meeting before we start our dinner. After that, a beautiful sit down dinner with laughter andjoy breaking bread with our brothers and sisters, both new and old. Then we will have some fun with Christmas karaoke and playing left right center which is a great game for all to participate! Don't forget your \$1's for left right center!

We are looking forward to the New Year with our members. Making our lodge bigger and better than ever! We are hoping our new members will come forward with some great new ideas and maybe chair one of the events! We have a great council and we are always ready to help a member with new ideas, for an event . Working together as brothers and sisters is what makes this organization such a success!

Once again I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Healthy 2025!



Laren

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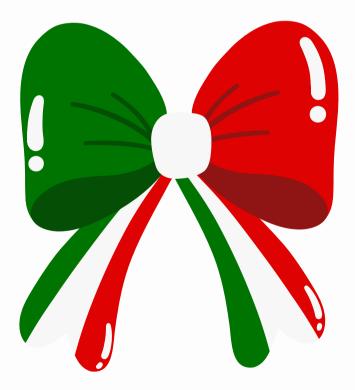
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General Membership Meeting and Events

We can't wait to see you at our next General Membership meeting!

Tuesday January 14th

Please note with the time changing to 7pm, there will not be dinner served. But there will be coffee (if Dunkin has the "Box o Joe") and something sweet.



We're trying hard to keep our website and facebook page up to date. Please take a gander and visit them!

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IL CORRIERE ADOPT-A-MONTH

The "Adopt a month Postage" has had a benefactor every month since 2008. Please note the Adopt-a-Month will reset next month. We would love to have you listed as it offsets the cost of our newsletter. The cost is \$60 per year. Please contact Karen at 772-486-6134

> JP & Mary Mahieu In Memory of Angelo & Roseann Hronis

> > TONY & CARMEN NACCARATO HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!

FEBRUARY

JANUARY

MARCH APRIL

MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST



HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY BERNIE!

NOVEMBER JENN & CARLOS SANTOS IN MEMORY OF JAMES AND MARGARET MARINUCCI

DECEMBER

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

BUON COMPLEANNO DECEMBER JP MAHIEU – 14TH TOM BAKER – 17TH JOE DENTE – 30TH



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LODGE 2594'S ANNUAL

2024 JOIN US AT THE DOLPHIN BAR & SHRIMP HOUSE

Christmas Party SECEMBER 15

6PM

Enjoy a dinner choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Sirloin Marsala or Shrimp Scampi with whipped potatoes and asparagus and dessert, coffee, tea and soda. Please make your choice when you RSVP.

BRING YOUR \$1'S FOR SOME LEFT RIGHT CENTER OR SHOW ME THE MONEY! ENTER THE RAFFLE FOR THE LOTTERY TREE AND PRACTICE YOUR FA LA LA'S FOR FESTIVE KAROKE!

COST IS \$60

AND FREE FOR LODGE 2594 MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 2025 DUES BY DECEMBER 6TH

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN 12/5 ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL/TEXT JENN AT 772-579-6313 CHECKS ARE PAYABLE: SONS OF ITALY LODGE 2594 OR WE CAN EMAIL AN INVOICE



QUIRKY ITALIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Here's what to expect if you're in Italy this Christmas

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Italy does Christmas very well, but there are a few traditions which may seem confusing or downright bizarre to the uninitiated. Here are some of the key ingredients for a truly Italian festive season, explained.

Bagpipes and Bingo

In Italy, Christmas has retained its religious roots more than in many other countries, so you'll hear celebratory church bells on Christmas Eve to mark Jesus's birth, but there are a few more recent and somewhat bizarre traditions. In southern Italy and Rome, bagpipe-playing shepherds, or zampognari, perform tunes in piazzas, normally dressed in traditional sheepskin and wool cloaks. The pipers usually travel in pairs down from their mountain homes – it's quite a spectacle. And across the country, though again particularly in the south, it's very common to play tombola, an Italian game similar to bingo, throughout the winter holiday.



Photo: Roberto Salomone/AFP

Not Your Usual Nativity

You're probably already familiar with the idea of a Christmas nativity scene. But Italians go all out with their nativities (presepi). You'll find them in every church as well as other public areas and family homes, often depicting the entire town of Bethlehem in painstaking detail.

Sometimes there's a modern twist with contemporary characters introduced, such as a pizza-maker, favourite footballers or politicians. In Rome, an annual exhibition displays 100 different presepi from all over the world, including minuscule versions carved into nuts, and all kinds of materials – even pasta.

La Bafana

Although nowadays many children receive presents from Father Christmas on Christmas Eve, a uniquely Italian tradition is that of 'La Befana', the old woman who brings gifts on Epiphany Eve. Legend has it the Three Wise Men came to her house and invited her to join their search for Christ.

She was too busy with housework so declined, but later changed her mind, and to this day is still searching for the child, leaving presents for any good children she comes across.



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IN MEMORY OF/ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY/ETC

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD \$10/PERSON = _____ or

\$15/COUPLE

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